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	10/772,738	TUCEK ET AL.	
	Examiner Henry M Johnson, III	Art Unit 3739	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 February 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 18 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-17 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 6 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because Figure 1 requires indicia in the major boxes. This identifying information will allow rapid visualization of the inventive concept not provided with boxes and numbers alone. The examiner believes the circle labeled 14 should be 15. Figure 2 requires a formal drawing. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

Full continuation data is required in the first paragraph of the specification. The patent number is required.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: figure labels 10 and 15 are not in the figures.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 7-10 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 7 recites the limitation "the optical element" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 8 recites the limitation "the scanner control" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 9 recites the limitation "the scanner control" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 10 recites the limitation "the scanner control" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-10, 12, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0138119 to Angeley et al. Note this is a 102(b) rejection due to the scanning limitation not disclosed in the parent application and thus not entitled to the earlier date. Angeley et al. teach a laser scanning handpiece for

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delivering treatment to tissue (abstract) using galvanometer mirrors driven by electronic scanning instructions (controller) for scanning the output beam (paragraph 0051). It is inherent that electronic control is capable intricate patterns and variable energy distributions. Angeley et al. disclose two beams (implying two sources), one a visible beam for aiming and the other for treatment (paragraph 0036). A square waveguide provides a square beam shape (Fig. 4).

Wand and handpiece are considered equivalents.

Claims 1, 11 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,879,376 to Miller. Miller teaches a surgical laser system for tissue treatment with a handpiece. A commercial scanner may replace the standard handpiece and serve to contiguously place treatment spots on the skin. This would allow for the rapid uniform coverage of large treatment areas with any particular spot size (Col. 9, lines 48-55). The laser may be provided by a semiconductor diode (Col. 5, line 10). Two lasers may be provided, a treatment beam and a red, visible, aiming beam (Col. 9, Lines 30-42). Laser control is implicit in that pulse repetition rates of from 1-20 Hz are disclosed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0138119 to Angeley et al. Angeley et al. do not disclose the beam having a 180 degree range of scan (hemisphere) nor the use of prisms. One skilled in the art could certainly adapt the scanner to have a 180 degree range using any combination of optics known in the art, including prisms, if so desired. The hemispherical scan

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has not been disclosed as critical or of particular benefit. The scan range and use of prisms are considered obvious to one skilled in the art.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 18 is allowed.

Claim 6 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

.Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Henry M Johnson, III whose telephone number is (571) 272-4768. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Linda C Dvorak can be reached on (571) 272-4764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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